TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Present: Selectmen Wes Moore, Rosanne Gilbert, and Michael Woodworth. Others present included Fran Lane, Tim Riel, Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, Kelley Corson, Natalie Fream, and Nancy Spencer.

Call to order: Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

At 5:30pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, III. The meeting re-opened to the public at 6:45pm.

Tim Riel, the computer technician, gave an estimate to the Selectmen to replace the Police Department computer hard drive. Tim suggested that a fire wall be installed. The town office server is fine, but needs a good cleaning. He believes another fire wall should be installed. Daily backups are being completed and the tapes are kept in the safe. It was decided that a fireproof safe rated 3,000 degrees be purchased and kept near the rear door for easy access by the firemen. The funds will come from the Emergency Management budget

Chief Reed spoke about the yard sale held this past weekend at the Town Hall. It was very successful, but very crowded and very dangerous. If this is done again a *detail will be required* by the Police Department. The Board will speak with renters to make them aware of this.

The Chief is looking into purchasing an emergency light mounted on a tripod. The color of the light bulbs can be changed so that the light may be used by the police, fire, emergency management, or highway departments.

Natalie Fream and Kelley Corson of Main Street Art met with the Selectmen about the proposed lease for the old post office building. They were advised that the final document is being reviewed by town counsel. Checks were signed.

Michael Woodworth made a motion to nominate Eugene Perreault as Health Officer. Rosanne Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The nomination form was signed by the three Selectmen.

The letter to the New Hampshire Retirement System was signed. This disputes the additional charges to the town for police details.

Larry Shaw, Ray Buxton, and Wes Moore met to discuss the cost of the building permit for the Water & Sewer Department. Adjustments were made based on new information. However, the contractor is responsible for the cost of the electrical inspections. This was agreeable with Ray Buxton and a letter will be sent to the contractor advising them.

R. B. Wood & Associates, LLC sent a letter of introduction and a price quote for assessing the town in 2010. Rod Wood has been the town assessor through Brett Purvis & Associates, but recently resigned and formed his own company. Wes spoke with Rod. Rod does not have a contract with his former employer.

The Liberty Tree Memorial will be discussed next week.

Nancy Spencer has ordered energy audits on various town buildings through a PSNH program.

The Selectmen have increased the fee for a Hawker's and Peddler's license from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Wes is still working on the audit responses and expects to have them ready in the next couple of weeks.

The New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals notified the Town that they denied an appeal of assessment by one of the town's residents.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer Administrative Assistant